LA MARQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2019

AGENDA:

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Crowder called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Ron Crowder, President	
Gene Smith, Secretary	
Louis "Mac" McGaffey	
Deanie Barrett	
Bobby Hocking	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
a. Meeting of April 18, 2019

Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of April 18, 2019. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT
a. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report
Report stood as submitted.

5. PRESENTATION
a. Bob Randall, President RPA Architects; update on costs associated with 401 Laurel and the intersection

Mr. Randall shared some plans for the lighting (showing the number of lights along the current and future business locations within the Laurel and 1st Street area) and briefly discussed energizing of the lighting sources (LED fixtures); the possibility of a stimulus package to be offered to the businesses. The issue of the size of the grease trap (1250 gallons) required by the current ordinance was also discussed (Birdies and Art of Coffee); the requirement of back-flow preventer for the building, which requires annual testing; curb ramp at porch gate location (ADA compliant); walk-in cooler exterior condensing units; and the additional costs for this project were briefly discussed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding the updates on costs provided by Bob Randall

After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to approve the expenditures of $48,000.00 for the additional costs provided by Bob Randall. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the fencing bids for 401 Laurel.

After a brief discussion, Board member McGaffey made a motion to award the fence bid to A to Z fencing in the amount of $44,665. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action for the City of La Marque bid tabulation #12-19 regarding the asbestos abatement and demolition of 408-416 Laurel.

After a brief discussion, Board member Hocking made a motion to award bid #12-19 to Grant Mackay Inc., contingent upon approval by Council. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding EDC employee policy

After a brief discussion, Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the EDC employee policy. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action regarding the proposed fiscal year 2020 budget.

After a brief discussion, Board member Smith made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2020 budget. Board member Barrett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

f. Discussion/possible action regarding proposal submitted by Site Location Partnership.

After a brief discussion, Board member Barrett made a motion to approve the proposal by Site Location Partnership to assist in the attraction of new industry, and businesses to the City. Board member Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

g. Discussion/possible action regarding tolling agreement request from Texas City Terminal Railroad

President Crowder asked that the action be postponed until after the Executive Session for this item.

7. OLD BUSINESS - there was none

8. DISCUSSION

a. Director's Report - report may include past, present, or future projects

The Executive Director added that P&Z approved an abandonment of a portion of the undeveloped Walker Street ROW at their May meeting and that it will be on the June Council meeting as a first reading; and EDC Board member Hocking's term is up at the end of this year, and that a letter of recommendation from EDC for his reappointment will be sent to Council.

b. Public Relations Report – report to include an overview of efforts as it pertains public relations

PR Specialist Merritt added that the Shine On La Marque segment is unable to be viewed on Channel 16 at this time but, is running on i-45 NOW and has received many, many views.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION
   a. Section 551.072 of the Government Code - deliberations about real property - land acquisition and or sale

   b. Section 551.071 of the Government Code – consultation with attorney

   President Crowder closed the regular meeting and opened the Executive Session at 9:50 a.m.

   President Crowder reconvened to the regular meeting at 10:03 a.m.

10. ACTION TO BE TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION
   a. Consider land acquisition and or sale
   b. Consider action to be taken regarding consultation with attorney

   Board member Smith made a motion to table new business item 6g. of the agenda concerning the tolling agreement with Texas City Railroad Terminal. Board member Hocking seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

11. REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS – there were none

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn at 10:04 a.m.

Bobby Hocking (for)

Ron Crowder, President

Karen M Avila for

Robin Eldridge, TMRC
City Clerk

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